



COFFS HARBOUR REGIONAL LANDCARE

Awards 2023 

CHRL have 3 Award categories:

**Eileen Moody Award - Nominees 2023**

Acknowledges and celebrates the achievements of an individual Coffs Landcare volunteer.

- Andrea Wilkinson
- Andrew Jones
- David Wood
- Graham Tupper (2 nominations)
- Greg Robinson
- Greg Yeates
- Max Brinsmead
- Roger Jennings
- Rose and Vern Treilibs



**Dee Wallace Award - Nominees 2023**

Recognises a Coffs Landcare volunteer group for its direct contribution to Landcare by rehabilitating the environment.

- Emerald Beach Dunecare
- Korora Landcare
- Park Beach Dunecare
- Woolgoolga Lake Landcare

**Pia Dollmann Award - Nominees 2023**

Celebrates an individual, group, organisation or business who have significantly contributed to conservation and sustainability in the Coffs Region.

- Graham Tupper
- David Wood (2 nominations)
- Envite Environment
- Friends of the Coffs Harbour Regional Botanic Gardens (CHRBG)
- Sandy Beach Action Group (SandBAG)

Thank you for attending.

Happy Landcaring!

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## EILEEN MOODY AWARD

for the outstanding efforts of an individual Landcarer

NOMINEES

### Andrea Wilkinson

Andrea is not only a valuable and active member of 2 Landcare groups but has also contributed a great deal of her own time to assist with CHRL administrative duties, saving CHRL staff many hours of work and creating systems which will ensure efficiencies into the future. More recently, Andrea has also initiated a Community Grant application for regeneration work to be carried out in an EEC between her 2 Landcare sites, writing a wonderful proposal and liaising with a suitable contractor. Andrea is always happy and willing to help out, has a professional and thorough approach to any task she takes on and is a pleasure to work with.

### Andrew Jones

Andrew is a dedicated, hard-working member of Woolgoolga Back Beach Dunecare group. He has vast experience and previous involvement with other Landcare Groups and is always willing to learn new skills. Andrew puts in a huge amount of time on a monthly bases removing weeds at the Woopi Back Beach site and is also assisting other stakeholders on Woolgoolga Headland in the Regional Coastal Park. He is passionate about making a difference and looking after the environment to benefit the whole community.

### David Wood

Dave works tirelessly and enthusiastically to assist in his rehabilitation efforts of whatever project he is working on, including the rehabilitation of Boambee Headland and Lot 2 to save it from development. His engaging personality and knowledge of local plant species were an invaluable asset in working on Boambee Headland rehabilitation as well as working with school children at Linden Lagoon and on the Landcare display stalls. His contribution of thoughtful ideas and feedback to the CHRL executive committee have been invaluable.

### Graham Tupper (2 nominations)

Graham has embraced a welcome leadership role in both his local Landcare area and wider community with professionalism and enthusiasm since arriving in 2019. He has shown the ability to grasp on site priorities, to plan restoration work, and grow local volunteer membership, as well as develop, employ and enhance the range of services available to other participant Landcare groups. eg: photo data logging, preparation of learning materials for school groups, restoration of a littoral rainforest patch with regular informative weed blitz days Graham thinks outside the square, is knowledgeable, energetic, welcoming and friendly, with an infectious enthusiasm which includes and encourages participation..



## PIA DOLLMANN AWARD

for conservation and sustainability in the community

NOMINEES

### Friends of the Coffs Harbour Regional Botanic Gardens (CHRBG)

Under the care and guidance of new President, Graham Tupper, the Friends are currently in the process of completely revamping the Coffs Botanic Gardens. They are creating new, innovative spaces and projects with the aim of promoting the Gardens as an educational mecca and premier destination for Coffs Harbour locals and visitors alike. Their quiet achievements have made the gardens a beautiful, nourishing space for the entire Coffs community to enjoy.

### Sandy Beach Action Group (SandBAG)

SandBAG is a long-running community group, proactively working to ensure better environmental and social outcomes for Coffs Harbour's Northern Beaches area. Through EL funding, they have engaged local scientists to record and monitor the impacts of intensive agriculture on local waterways and the Solitary Islands Marine Park, managed bush regeneration of foreshore vegetation in the Sandy Beach area and are now respectfully petitioning Council to create a collaborative ecological community hub on the Northern Beaches. They are a wonderful force for mobilising the community to participate in local conservation initiatives.





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NOMINEES

### Graham Tupper

Graham is an amazing force for good in the Coffs Harbour region. He brings a significant reservoir of expertise to the area, after decades of working as an environmental scientist, political lobbyist and eco-tourism business operator. Graham works tirelessly as the Site Coordinator for Emerald Beach Dunecare, the President of Coffs Harbour Botanic Gardens, a team leader in the koala surveys at Bongil Bongil NP and a whole lot more. He is generous with his time and knowledge, always leads by example and inspires others to do the same.

### David Wood (2 nominations)

Dave works tirelessly to network and pursue fact finding to assist in his rehabilitation efforts of whatever project he is working on, including the rehabilitation of Boambee Headland, saving Lot 2 in Sawtell from development, community support for the GKNP and his latest project of saving Grandpa's Scrub. When Dave commits to a project with his polite persistence and passion along with his affable and engaging personality, it makes him a veritable force of nature to get things done.

### Envite Environment

Envite Environment value continuous education and research and apply best practice conservation and land management methodologies to deliver positive environmental and social outcomes for our community. They are a not-for-profit organisation who have made a significant difference to our local environment, providing environmental restoration services, education and employment opportunities for a large number of individuals and organisations in our LGA.



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### Greg Robinson

For over 10 years, Greg has recruited many members to the Sapphire Reserve Landcare group and passed on his invaluable knowledge. Greg's passion for what he does and his willingness to listen and assist fellow members has been outstanding and inspirational, making him a popular and great leader for the Sapphire Reserve Group.

### Greg Yeates

Greg has contributed many hours and years of dedicated work and leadership to his Landcare site and group. He is a teacher and motivator to his fellow members and the great results achieved are due to his diligence over a long and difficult transformation of the areas he's been involved with.

### Max Brinsmead

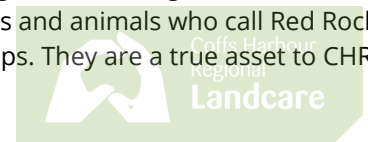
Over many years, Max has been the driving force for regenerating Charlesworth Forest, a beautiful area of ecologically valuable littoral rain forest within the basin of Charlesworth Bay and its adjacent headland. To coordinate the successful and ongoing rehabilitation of this special area, Max has liaised with numerous land managers and contractors, including Coffs Council, NPWS, EnviTE and Pacific Bay Resort, with enthusiasm and professionalism. Max has a genuine love of the natural environment and approaches his role as 'caretaker' of Charlesworth Forest with passion and dedication.

### Roger Jennings

Roger Jennings has been the group leader for Mullawarra Dunecare for 17 years in the Coffs Coast Regional Park and rarely misses a workday. This amazing man is 78 years old and still turns up to working bees as the group leader, despite ongoing health problems. Roger's commitment to Landcare and the greater community is inspirational.

### Rose and Vern Treilibs

Rose and Vern have been Site Co-ordinators of Red Rock Landcare for many years. With their committed and professional approach to environmental restoration, the site has flourished under their care and is a showcase for how the work of passionate volunteers can transform an area and encourage biodiversity and beauty to thrive. This wonderful couple also dedicate their time to observing and recording birdlife in and around their site and share their passion for the plants and animals who call Red Rock home through guided walks and educational workshops. They are a true asset to CHRL and their community.





## DEE WALLACE AWARD

for excellence by a Landcare Group

NOMINEES

### **Emerald Beach Dunecare**

EB are a long-standing, active group committed to natural area conservation and have a fabulous community focus. They've achieved fantastic results in rehabilitating a large area of the Emerald Beach foreshores, by proactively engaging with both the site contractors and NPWS. They also host regular weed blitzes and just recently facilitated a working day with 20 South Pacific Islander Costa Berry workers as part of Costa's wellbeing program.

### **Korora Landcare**

The group have spent many years regenerating valuable bushland in Korora Basin and the Hills Beach area at Korora. They enjoy fabulous comradery and recently transitioned seamlessly to a new site coordinator, Phil Bowden, who is showing equal passion and commitment to the group and their work as previous Coordinator, Simon Proust. The group has proactively sought support for an EL Community Grant to install bird nesting boxes on their sites in an attempt to further enhance the habitat values of these areas.



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### **Park Beach Dunecare**

Park Beach Dunecare group are an unassuming group who are quietly committed to caring for the dune vegetation and littoral rainforest adjacent to the busy and popular Park Beach. This group seems to epitomise the saying "keep calm and carry on" as they uncomplainingly face the challenges of working in a reserve frequently impacted by vandalism and rubbish dumping. They welcomed a new member with impaired intellectual abilities in the past year, showing patience and compassion, and have recently sought support for an EL Community Grant to rehabilitate an area of endangered littoral rainforest adjacent to their site.

### **Woolgoolga Lake Landcare**

This group has shown a quiet, long-term commitment to improving the bushland and biodiversity values around Woolgoolga Lake. They have worked in well with both the site contractor and NPWS to regenerate areas on the northern shores of Woopi Lake, restoring habitat values and improving the overall health of this important ICOLL (Intermittently Closed or Open Lake or Lagoon). The group is receptive to new ideas and was recently very excited by the prospect of working with Indigenous students from nearby Woolgoolga Highschool.

